Consult early with SWRCB and local RWQCB to identify relevant State and regional policies for water quality control, compliance requirements, mitigation options, and potentially controversial issues. Redesign proposed project to avoid or minimize activities that may affect water quality. Explore every opportunity to ensure that the project qualifies for available general permits. Would the proposed project discharge waste No waste discharge requirements that may affect groundwater quality or (WDRs) needed. discharge waste in a diffused manner? Incorporate SWRCB's and RWQCB's recommended mitigation methods in Is CEQA compliance required CEQA document to minimize effects on water quality. Yes for other permits or authorizations? Complete CEQA compliance process with lead agency. Submit report of waste discharge (ROWD) with appropriate fees to local RWQCB at least 120 days RWQCB staff reviews proposed discharge for CEQA compliance and before beginning to discharge waste. Include proof consistency with the adopted water quality objectives, the Areawide of CEQA compliance and information previously Waste Treatment Management Plan, the applicable basin plan, and State prepared for Section 404 application where policies for water quality control. possible. RWQCB staff recommends that RWQCB . . . Prohibit Discharge Waive WDRs Adopt WDRs Redesign project. **RWQCB** waives WDRs for RWQCB staff distributes WDRs to specific types of discharges interested parties with a 30-day with specified conditions and review period. RWQCB revises limitations. WDRs based on comments. Appeal decision to the SWRCB. RWQCB holds public hearing. RWQCB adopts, or modifies and adopts, proposed WDRs by majority vote.

Figure 11
California Waste Discharge Requirements